

H. Res. 1082

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

April 9, 2008.

Whereas on June 27, 1883, Victorian plumbers came together at the Old Masonic Temple in New York City, New York, for the first-ever convention of master plumbers;

Whereas the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors—National Association (PHCC) is the oldest trade association in the construction industry;

Whereas for over 125 years, our Nation has been paving the way for today's plumbing, heating, and cooling contractor's status as important, and independent small business people;

Whereas the majority of plumbing contractors are small business owners, who help create critical jobs in this country;

Whereas the men and women who design, manufacture, install, and maintain water efficient plumbing systems play a crucial role in our economy;

Whereas this industry has one of the best and most extensive training programs in the country by providing young men and women with thousands of dollars in scholarships every year;

Whereas professional certified plumbers save our Nation millions of dollars each year through the design and installa-

tion of more efficient equipment that provides essential comfort while reducing water consumption; and

Whereas the House of Representatives supports the industry in its celebration of “National Plumbing Industry Week”, April 27 through May 3, 2008: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes that small business plumbing contractors have benefitted from the reduced regulatory burden provided as a result of passage of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 (Public Law 96–354) and the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–121);

(2) recognizes that the loan guarantee program under Section 7(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)) administered by the Administrator of the Small Business Administration has provided access to capital for small business plumbing contractors;

(3) recognizes that approximately 80 percent of plumbing contractors around the country are small, family owned and run companies;

(4) recognizes these small firms account for a large percentage of our Nation’s GDP, through sales, service, and repair;

(5) recognizes how small businesses in the plumbing industry are the leader in developing, and utilizing new

innovative technologies which help improve and maintain the infrastructure our Nation depends on; and

(6) supports the goals and ideals of “National Plumbing Industry Week”.

Attest:

Clerk.